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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation  
MB Docket No. 02-277, MM Docket Nos. 01-235, 01-317, 00-244

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Belo Corp., Dallas, Texas ("Belo"), and pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, this notice is hereby submitted regarding a permitted oral ex parte presentation concerning the above-referenced rulemaking proceedings.

On April 9 and 10, 2003, executives from Belo met with the following Federal Communication Commissioner and staff: Chairman Michael Powell, Marsha J. McBride, Chief of Staff, Susan M. Eid, Legal Advisor (April 9); and W. Kenneth, Ferree, Chief of the Media Bureau (April 10). At the meetings, representing Belo were Robert W. Decherd, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer; Guy Kerr, Senior Vice President/General Counsel and Secretary; Regina A. Sullivan, Vice President/Government and Public Affairs; and the undersigned.

During the meetings, Belo's principals discussed the above-referenced Broadcast Ownership rule makings focusing on points contained in Belo's Comments and Reply Comments filed in the proceedings. Belo stressed with Chairman Powell and Mr. Ferree the importance of maintaining absolute consistency with respect to the Commission's ownership rules, taking all relevant media voices into account and weighing such voices in accordance with the functions they perform in the competitive news and information marketplace. Thus, if there is to

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be any kind of quantitative index as part of the ownership rules finally adopted, in Belo's view such an index must realistically reflect the role played by each media voice in the market.

Very truly yours,

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cc (via email): Chairman Michael Powell  
Ms. Marsha J. McBride  
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